

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 1, 2002

IN RE:

SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDING AGAINST  
TALK.COM, INC.

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DOCKET NO.  
01-00216

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ORDER GRANTING *JOINT MOTION*  
*TO HOLD PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE*

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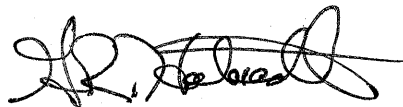
This matter came before the Pre-Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the filing on February 27, 2002 by the Consumer Services Division ("CSD") and Talk.com, Inc. of a *Joint Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule* ("Motion"). The Motion states that the reason to suspend the procedural schedule of February 14, 2002 is that the parties to the Motion have "reached an agreement resolving the disputes that are the basis for this proceeding.... The tentative settlement agreement eliminates the necessity of convening the Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for March 5, 2002 or pursuing the discovery-related issues pending in this action."

On March 1, 2002, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, an intervenor in this matter, filed the *Attorney General's Response to Joint Motion for Abeyance* ("Response"). This Response states that the "Attorney General does not object" to the intent of the Motion, but reserves the "right to object to or join into any such settlement proposals when properly presented to the hearing officer assigned to this matter and/or the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority."

For good cause shown, the Pre-Hearing Officer grants the Motion and hereby suspends the procedural schedule of February 14, 2002, and further tolls the filing deadlines specified in the February 26, 2002 *Order Directing Filing and Granting Motion for Extension of Time*, pending the outcome of the Directors' deliberations on the settlement agreement between the parties.

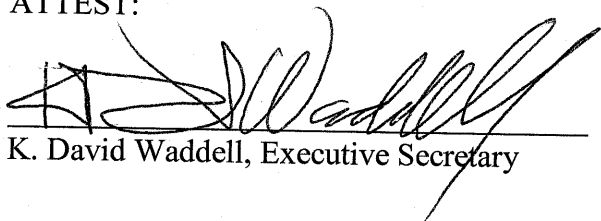
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The *Joint Motion to Hold Procedural Schedule in Abeyance* filed on February 27, 2002 is hereby granted, the procedural schedule is suspended and the filing deadlines specified in the February 26, 2002 *Order Directing Filing and Granting Motion for Extension of Time* are tolled, pending the outcome of the Directors' deliberations on the settlement agreement between the parties.



Gary Hotvedt, Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary